

THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner

City of San Diego, District One

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Working Toward Solutions: San Diego's FY2012 Budget

As part of the budget process, Sherri has offered up a proposal that would end fire station brown-outs beginning on July 1st and improve lifeguard training and staffing while keeping our libraries and recreation centers open at their current levels.

"We do not have to choose between public safety and our libraries and recreation centers," Sherri said. "My proposal restores all these services while still balancing the budget."

Sherri's proposal would also restore after-school programs, pool hours and swim team and water polo programs.



On May 4th, Sherri rallied with residents outside the University Community Library in opposition to proposed library cutbacks.

She plans to pay for these programs through a combination of common sense cuts, including the reduction of discretionary IT funding and travel and overtime for non-public safety workers.

[For more information on the FY2012 budget and to read Sherri's budget](#)

Retiree Healthcare Agreement Reached

Sherri recently joined her Council colleagues and the Mayor in approving a historic agreement on retiree healthcare.

This deal will save the City hundreds of millions of dollars and puts San Diego at the forefront of American cities working to reduce their unfunded healthcare and pension liabilities. The agreement strikes the right balance between saving taxpayer money and avoiding years of distracting and costly court battles.

Sherri continues to make solving the City's long-term structural budget deficit one of her top priorities.

Saving Fourth of July Fireworks

A recent court ruling has once again put in jeopardy the fate of La Jolla's Fourth of July fireworks celebration.

Sherri is committed to ensuring that La Jolla celebrates the Fourth of July as it does every year — with fireworks.

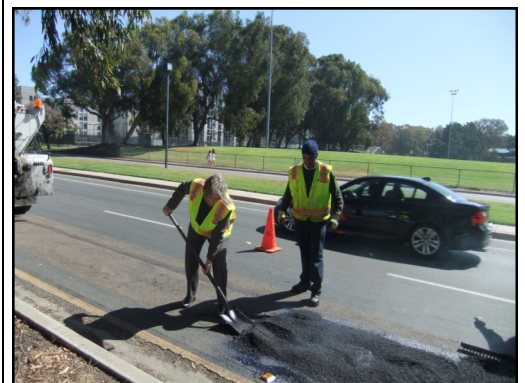
"This ruling is unnecessary," Sherri said. "We already have a common sense approach in place that protects the environment



while allowing us to celebrate our country's independence with fireworks."

The City of San Diego is appealing the decision, and Sherri plans to work with the Mayor's office, the City Attorney and the La Jolla community so that the fireworks show will go on as planned.

Working for You



Sherri recently joined city Street Crews filling potholes on North Torrey Pines Road.

See inside for more on how Sherri is working for your neighborhood.

Comprehensive Water Policy Update

After months of hard work, Sherri plans to bring her comprehensive water policy before the City Council this summer.

The policy is a critical first step in ensuring San Diego has a long-term solution to its water needs.

The new policy would replace a patchwork of outdated policies and incorporate the emergence of new technologies and conserva-

tion methods to help San Diegans have more control over their water future.

After the policy is approved, Sherri plans to work with public to create an implementation timeline and benchmarks to gauge its effectiveness.

[For more information on this issue, please visit Sherri's website.](#)



On April 30th, Sherri thanked volunteers in Rancho Peñasquitos participating in I Love a Clean San Diego's annual "Creek to Bay Cleanup."

Working for You in the Community

Sherri's been hard at work on a number of projects that affect your everyday lives. Here are a few highlights:

University City residents may have noticed that the stoplight at Governor and Greenwich drives would often turn red, even without cross traffic. Those long, frustrating red lights were the result of a broken pavement sensor. After hearing from constituents, Sherri worked with the Street Division to expedite the repairs, which are now complete.



All clean — an underground construction staging site is no longer an eyesore.

In addition, University City United Church members recently contacted Sherri about an unsightly undergrounding construction staging site on the far west end of Governor Drive, which had been an eyesore for almost 20 months. Sherri worked with City staff to get the contractor to clean up the site.

Meanwhile, resurfacing of Genesee Avenue between Governor Drive and SR-52 had been stalled by a lack of funding and the need for a permit from Caltrans. Sherri helped identify funding and worked with Caltrans to expedite required permits. Now drivers have a smooth ride from Governor Drive to Appleton Street.

In response to an outbreak of graffiti in Rancho Peñasquitos, Sherri is joining a representative from the Police Department's Northeastern Division at the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council meeting on **Thursday, June 2 at 6 p.m.** at the **Doubletree Hotel** to discuss police procedure for graffiti tracking and removal.

Finally, Sherri recently worked with the City's Street Division on a pothole roundup event on major streets throughout La Jolla and

University City. Crews were able to fill more than 360 potholes on La Jolla Parkway, Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla Village Drive, Nautilus Street, El Paseo Grande, Genesee Avenue, Regents Road, Nobel Drive, and other streets.

Thank you for your assistance in reporting potholes in your neighborhood.

Please continue to help us to get these potholes filled quickly by calling Street Division at (619) 527-7500 or going online to www.sandiego.gov/street-div and clicking on "Service Request" to report potholes.



Sherri helps city Street Crews to fill a pothole on North Torrey Pines Road.



3rd Grade students from Spreckels Elementary School in University City had their artwork displayed at the Mingei International Museum in Balboa Park. Sherri spoke to a young student and her family at the exhibition's opening night reception on May 26th. The exhibition will be on display to the public through the end of June.

Update: Torrey Pines Corridor Project



The La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board is scheduled to continue the discussion of the Torrey Pines Corridor Project at their next meeting on **Thursday, June 23 at 6 p.m.** at the **La Jolla Rec Center**.

Representatives from the San Diego Police Department Traffic Enforcement Division will also be on hand to discuss speeding and traffic enforcement along Torrey Pines Road.

For more information about the Torrey Pines Corridor Project, please visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip/projectsprograms/torreypines.shtml>.

Sherri thanked volunteers participating in the annual "Mormon Helping Hands" day of community service on April 30th. Volunteers weeded, cleaned, and mulched at Nobel, Doyle, and University Gardens parks in University City.



Sherri declared May 26th "Sara Moser Day" in the City of San Diego. Moser, a longtime La Jolla resident, was recognized for her 40+ year commitment to the community and her tireless volunteer work.



Sherri presented awards to the winners of the City's annual Water Conservation Poster Contest at San Diego City Council on May 3rd.



The Importance of Lifeguard Training



Sherri with some of the City's finest: our lifeguards.

Sherri believes a properly staffed and trained Lifeguard Department is a key component of ensuring public safety.

She is working closely with her Council colleagues and the Mayor's office to restore relief

lifeguard positions and hands-on training to the department's budget.

In recent years, everything from river rescue training to vehicle and law enforcement training has been severely curtailed.

Currently, lifeguards are relegated to computer training, and every hour in front of the computer means one hour less devoted to patrolling the beaches.

This is an inefficient use of staff time, as 98 percent of all rescues are the result of lifeguard observations, with only 2 percent of rescues coming from 911 calls.

Sherri in the Community



On May 14th, Sherri presented a proclamation celebrating the first annual Doyle International Festival, which raises funds and celebrates University City's Doyle Elementary, one of the city's most diverse schools.



Sherri joined the Mayor, fellow Councilmembers and community leaders on May 11th in announcing that private donations from San Diego ConVis, the San Diego Foundation and the La Jolla Community Foundation will keep our beach fire pits open this year.



Sherri met with constituents at the annual "Fiesta de los Peñasquitos" in Rancho Peñasquitos on May 1st.

Your Community Representatives

If you have a concern or question about an issue in your neighborhood, please contact our constituent services representative or your community representative. We're here to help!

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